

**DODGE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
May 2, 2014**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller
Darrell Pollesch
Larry Bischoff
Lisa Derr
Larry Schraufnagel

Also Present: Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chairman John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; Steven Bauer, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Patricia Ninmann, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Department; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Shelby Brandsma, Family Court Counseling; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Bischoff to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Pollesch. Motion carried.

Election of Committee Officers:

Chair: Miller nominated by Pollesch – carried.
Vice-Chair: Pollesch nominated by Derr – carried.
Secretary: Bischoff nominated by Miller – carried.

Committee decided to continue with meetings the first Friday of every month at 8:00 a.m.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Pollesch to approve Minutes of April 4, 2014; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Communications: Miller reminded Committee of the Peacekeepers Memorial on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 10:30 at the Administration Building. Hopefully this can be held outside, but in case of rain will be inside that building.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Storck congratulated and welcomed the new committee members. He hoped to be able to give them a tour of the courthouse at the July meeting. Because of the Security Committee meeting right after Law Enforcement, it would not work on the May meeting date. The Security Committee was formed by Supreme Court rule for the purpose of renovations, security issues and screening, etc. Prior projects were changes in the front security station and the key fob entry system for holding cells. The Security Committee is required to meet quarterly.

Judge Sciascia reminded the Committee of the open house on May 17. Each Department will be making presentations. The Sheriff's Department will have three presentations.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron reported that Dodge County will be providing jurors for a Door County Jury trial. That jury is being picked today for a trial that will begin in Door County next week. Door County will be paying the jury expenses relating to this trial. 75 potential jurors were called in for that jury selection.

Regarding employee staffing, she has one retiring deputy clerk. That position is being filled by the current receptionist, so she will be looking for a new receptionist.

Ms. Hron reported on the Firearm Surrender Training that will be held on May 29. This is being provided by the Director of State Courts and funded by the STOP Violence Against Women Act grant. Steve Seim and Lynn Hron have signed up for the training being offered on May 29. Victim Witness in the District Attorney's office will be sending a person and the Corporation Counsel office may be sending a staff person.

Judge Storck explained the process regarding injunction hearings. People may be ordered to turn in their firearms but up to now there has been little follow-up. New procedures require follow-up by the Sheriff and by the Courts to make sure the firearms are surrendered. This may require further scheduling and hearings. The new takes effect November 1, 2014.

Child Support Report: No report.

District Attorney Report: Kurt Klomberg reported that Judge Storck and Bob were featured in Wisconsin Lawyer as legal innovators as Dodge County is the first District Attorney's office in the State that has gone paperless and is a model for the State. In conjunction with that, Judge Storck informed the Committee that the DA's office is now e-filing all criminal complaints and subsequent documents. Dodge County is the pilot county for the state and all documents between the District Attorney's Office and the Clerk of Courts is being e-filed beginning January of 2014. Those documents that come in hard copies are now being scanned and this saves a significant amount of time with no need for a paper file. Documents are held for 48 hours before they are destroyed. They hope to have defense attorneys opting in for criminal files shortly.

The DA's are now able to log in remotely. Since there are no paper files, everything is available to them online so if weather prohibited them from coming into the office, they could still work from home. This also gives the office the ability for 24 hour support for law enforcement. Bob Barrington has been training other offices in this. They have had 15 other counties come through their office and Bob will be presenting regarding the e-filing in an upcoming conference.

All four judges in Dodge County have been willing to work to get this system running efficiently.

DA Klomberg reported that the next Opioid Forum will be May 29 at the Lomira Middle School. The Forum will begin at 6:30, and he encouraged Committee members to attend. Two Forums have been held so far, at Dodge Land High School and in Horicon, and there was a good turnout at both.

Medical Examiner Report: PJ Schoebel explained to the Committee that he provides the numbers from his department quarterly. His office investigates deaths in the County. His office orders autopsies as required. So far the number of autopsies ordered are up from last year, and last year was the previous largest year for them. The autopsies are performed either in Fond du Lac or Madison. He explained the types of cases where autopsies are ordered.

ME Schoebel explained that anyone who dies in custody has to undergo an autopsy, and for inmates at one of the state institutions in Dodge County, the County is reimbursed for the cost.

He also explained that permits have to be issued for any cremation performed

PJ explained the difference between a Medical Examiner and a Coroner. A coroner is an elected official, while a medical examiner is appointed. Each county will have one or the other, not both. Also, for a medical examiner, qualifications may be required for the position.

Sheriff Department Report: Sheriff Ninmann reported that \$7,020 from the TAD (Treatment Alternative Diversion) grant went to purchase COMPAS Core Assessment software from Northpoint. Jay Westhuis will be doing assessments.

"Posse" volunteers will be working on the conversion of microfiche to PDF files – this will be a benefit for any open records requests. The Sheriff's office will be using record scanning equipment from the Register of Deeds for this purpose.

Scott Smith reported on items from the Civil Process Conference. WI Act 321 requires that the County has until November 1 for compliance regarding the surrender of firearms from defendants in civil cases regarding domestic and child abuse injunctions. There will be a formal process put into place and up-coming trainings will address that process. There will need to be a place for storage also. There will be a process in place for working with the Judges and Courts for a formal surrender and storage of weapons and eventual return.

There have been changes in the laws regarding evictions and how personal property is handled. They hope to meet with landlords to go over the process.

One new deputy has been hired and will start on May 12. There is still one opening.

Michels Corporation has donated the money for picking up the new armored vehicle. No tax dollars were spent on this. The County needed this for protection of responding officers. 10-12 individuals will be able to ride in this. The Department is working on standard operating procedures involving the vehicle along with training. The vehicle is street legal.

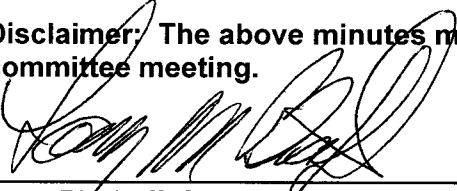
Other business: None

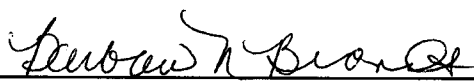
Next Meeting: Friday, June 6, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Schraufnagel to adjourn meeting; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m..

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.


Larry Bischoff, Secretary


Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary